

**Miami County Solid Waste District**  
Minutes for the January 17, 2012 Meeting

Attendance: Jon Faust, Craig Boyer, Tom Gustin, Josh Francis, Don Morris, Shirley Mull, Samantha Ward, and Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker and Pat Roberts.

At 8:04 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Tom Gustin.

The minutes of December 19, 2011 meeting were presented. Craig Boyer motioned to accept the minutes as is Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

The January 2012 financial statement was presented by Samantha Ward. Regular monthly bills were presented. The Ampro bill was for pickups at CVS and Walgreen's. Due to Kroger's remodeling, they are temporarily not accepting sharps or old meds. WKUZ was the last bill for the 2011 contract. The bill from R&B Contractor included 419 TVs, adding \$4,190.00 to their bill. December is always a high collection month for electronics due to Christmas. This will be the last month for the high electronics total. The new electronics collection program started January 4. Shirley Mull moved to approve the financial report as is, Don Morris seconded, motion passed.

Samantha suggested to the board that we lower the late fee from \$25.00 to \$15.00. She thought this would not make the late bills quite so high, but still be enough to encourage people to pay on time. The Solid Waste Code says late fees up to \$25.00 may be added to the bill for past due payments. Josh Francis motioned to lower the late fee for 2012 to \$15.00, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed. There will need to be a resolution made before this can go into effect.

Samantha presented some ideas for the event schedule and the bills. Pitney Bowes representatives stated when they were showing the county the system that it could print our yearly event schedules. We are considering printing the schedules, and adding a short information letter and sending them in a 6x9 envelope. We would need to purchase a mailing list for the county addresses. It is possible to get all the addresses in the county using the GIS map, but it is very time consuming, and you can only work in groups of 500. Samantha checked with US Data and found a "saturation list" could be purchased for \$196.97. This would list all the addresses in Miami County. However, areas that have an out of county address (Kokomo, Roann, Akron, Galveston, etc) would not receive a schedule. We would have to work with the company and find carrier routes for these addresses, and then US Data could add these to our list. There would be an additional cost of around \$25.00. Craig Boyer motioned to allow Samantha to print the event schedules in-house, and to purchase the address list. Josh Francis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Samantha mentioned that she had talked with Becky about putting in a small flyer with the tax bills stating when they would be mailed, when they would be due, and that payments for Solid Waste would not be accepted in the Treasurer's Office. In exchange for adding this information, either Samantha or Carla would help out in whatever way needed in the Treasurer's Office while their collections are the heaviest. The mailing permit will expire within the next few months, and Samantha stated that Solid Waste still had some money in the account at the post office, and would like to apply that to the permit for 2012. Jon Faust motioned to let the two offices work

together for mailing and collections, and to have the Solid Waste District cover the cost of the postage permit for 2012, Shirley Mull seconded, and the motion passed.

A new collection idea was presented. The Techno Trash Can would allow people to drop off cassette tapes, VCR tapes, DVDs, and CDs in our office. The items are then returned to the company and they are recycled or the material ground down and reused. A container that would hold up to 70 pounds costs \$59.95. That covers the cost of shipping back to the company and we would also receive a certificate of destruction. Shirley Mull motioned to try one container, Craig Boyer seconded, and the motion passed.

Pat Roberts has a building available that could help us expand some of our programs. Pat was unable to attend the meeting due to being in court. It was suggested to have some board members look over the building and give their opinion at the next meeting.

Shirley Mull motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 AM, Jon Faust seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,